

Status of Claims

Claim 1 (~~granted~~) A slipcover for an upholstered sofa and similar articles comprising: a plurality of interconnecting resilient knitted textile panels forming a hollow shell with a continuous peripheral edge, and an elastic band overlying said peripheral edge whereby to retain said shell in taut condition upon said sofa.

Claim 2 (~~rejected~~) A cover in accordance with claim 1, said cover being formed of approximately 95% cotton and the remainder of elastic fibers.

Claim 3 (~~rejected~~) A unitary cover for an upholstered sofa and similar articles comprising: a hollow shell of knitted fabric having a peripheral edge, elastic means for contracting said edge to maintain said cover upon said sofa; said cover including a plurality of interconnected panels overlying the upper, front, side and rear surfaces of a rectangular cushion forming part of said sofa, said panels including a rear panel having first and second parts in separate planes disposed at a mutual angle to provide a degree of excess material overlying said rear surface of said cushion; whereby when said cushion is sat upon, forwardly extending stress exerted upon said panels of said cover will be accommodated by resiliently expanding, to resiliently contract when said sofa is vacated.

Claim 4 (~~rejected~~) A cover in accordance with claim 3, wherein excess material formed by separate panels may be tucked beneath a lower edge of a back panel of said sofa, and a resilient hollow elongated tube positioned over said excess material to distribute stress over the width of said cover.

Claim 5 (~~Cancelled~~) A tensioning clip for use in providing additional tension to a portion of a furniture slipcover comprising: an elastic band having an unstressed width approximately thirty inches, said band having a first end having a jaw means for selectively engaging a portion of fabric, said band having a second end having an elongated tongue for insertion into an interstice formed by an article of furniture enclosed by said slipcover.

Claim 6 (~~Cancelled~~) A clip in accordance with claim 5, including buckle means for adjusting the unstressed length of said band.

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7. (New) A unitary cover for an upholstered sofa and similar articles comprising: a hollow shell of resilient fabric having a peripheral edge, elastic means for contracting said edge to maintain said cover upon said sofa, said sofa including a plurality of interconnected panels overlying the upper, front, side and rear surfaces of a rectangular cushion forming part of said sofa, said panels including a rear panel having first and second parts disposed in separate planes at a mutual angle to provide a degree of excess material to relieve forwardly directed stress exerted upon said upper panel when said cushion is sat upon by a user, said first and second parts contracting to smooth the surface of said upper panel when said sofa is vacated.



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Claim 8. (New) A cover in accordance with claim 7, wherein excess material formed by said first and second parts may be disposed beneath a lower edge of said back panel of said sofa, and a resilient-elongated tube positioned over said excess material to distribute stress over the width of said cover.

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